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Sir:

REQUEST

The Examiner is again requested to return a completely-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form bearing the OIPE date-stamped of June 10, 2005. Specifically, the PTO-1449 Form returned with the Office Action of June 27, 2007, does not include the Examiner's initials next to the International Search Report of PCT/FR03/03665. The entirety of the PTO-1449 Form has been initialed by the Examiner on June 11, 2007, and the other references indicated as having been specifically considered by initialing next to each of the references. The International Search Report of PCT/FR03/03665 reference however does not include in the left-hand column the Examiner's initials. A completely-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form filed June 10, 2005, pursuant to MPEP § 609, is requested. A similar request was filed on July 23, 2007.

The present Request is not being filed in response to the Office Action of February 13, 2008. FARDEAU et al. Serial No. 10/538,715 Atty. Ref.: 1721-94 March 25, 2008 REQUEST

Respectfully submitted,

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